

Margaret G. Chewning, FCSI

"For your heartfelt support and tenacity in mentoring and sharing the "possibilities of CSI" with students for more than two decades; for your monumental efforts in establishing and nurturing student communications and the Student Design Competition; and for your long-term service on chapter, region, and Institute Certification and Academic Affairs Committees, you are advanced to Fellowship in the Institute on the 22nd day of April 2005."
Chicago, Illinois



MARGARET G. CHEWNING was born in Richmond Virginia in 1952.

Growing up, she was interested in how things went together and was encouraged to explore the world of building design by a mom who dreamed of being an architect when such things were not commonly encouraged for young ladies of the south.

Margaret attended J. Sargent Reynolds Community College prior to coming to Norfolk, Virginia, in 1974 as a Navy bride. Her first introduction to specifications was with the Navy Exchange Maintenance Dept as an engineering aide, developing construction documents for store layouts and renovations. Fortunately, her boss provided Margaret with a copy of Hans Meier's Specifications Handbook to guide her in her initial writing of specifications.

After bouncing around Hampton Roads, Virginia, area as a draftsman, specifier, and construction administrator, Margaret enrolled at Old Dominion University (ODU), School of Engineering, to continue her education and complete a BET in Construction Management in 1993. Margaret received her CCS in 1984 and her CCCA in 1998.

Margaret joined the Tidewater Chapter in 1980. The chapter leadership tested her leadership potential by recruiting her to a position on the Chapter Board not long after joining the chapter. She held various positions on the TVA Board, except for a short stint in New Orleans overseeing the building of a coal bearing barge and tug with her husband, Dan Cudney.

During her time at ODU as a student and as a Capital Outlay Construction Inspector on campus, Margaret became very involved in working with the students, introducing them to CSI and the opportunities to be found there. Margaret has been active in working with students during their college years as well as in continuing education promoting and teaching Fundamental Formats of Construction Documents in at ODU and in a workshop offered by the TVA CSI chapter each year to prepare candidates for the CDT exam and refresh the information for certification candidates.

Margaret believes in the future of CSI through the lives of young people and the standards we provide to the industry to assist in the communication of information in the documents of construction. This provides the basis for her efforts regarding the various Student Programs and the Certification Program of CSI.

CSI Membership

Tidewater VA Chapter, 1980

Chapter Offices, Committees

President, FY 1986-1987

President, FY 2008

Awards

Region Director's Special Award, 2003

Region Director's Special Award, 2005

Region Director's Special Award, 2007